



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

October 7, 2009

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Cool, crisp mornings last week ushered us into the colorful month of October! Many thanks to our faculty and room parents for a well-attended Curriculum Night. We also would like to thank Lynn Vozzella, our school nurse, for hosting an information session for parents last week to discuss flu clinics. Lynn will attend our next LSPA meeting, so be sure to bring your questions. Direct Appeal donations are already hard at work in our children's school community. To date, LSPA has paid more than \$4000 this school year. Programs we've already funded include: Back-to-School grants for our teachers and helping to finance the Michael Fowlin ([www.michaelfowlin.com](http://www.michaelfowlin.com)) visit in November. Enrichment programs are the largest part of our school budget and information about those plans will be in the Lincletter as the events approach. If you have any questions about Direct Appeal, our Ways and Means Co-Chairs are Stephanie Morrison, and Donna Salvatore, [swmorrison@verizon.net](mailto:swmorrison@verizon.net), and [donnasalvatore@comcast.net](mailto:donnasalvatore@comcast.net). We continue to welcome your Direct Appeal donations and our progress toward our goal is updated on our website, [lincolnspa.org](http://lincolnspa.org). Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

—Linda McDonough and Bridget Stump

### CALENDAR

Thursday October 8

LSPA Meeting--8:30am: Cafeteria

Monday, October 12--Columbus Day

School Closed

October 21-23

Early Release--Conferences,

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Babysitting

November 16-20--Book Fair

November 17&18--Ice Cream Social and  
Book Fair: 6-8pm

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE BABYSITTING

Attention all 5th Graders and Parents: The 5th grade will be offering babysitting services during parent-teacher conferences on Oct 21-23. We need both students and parents to staff this important 5th grade fundraiser. Sign up sheets have been sent home and are also available in

each 5th grade class and on the LSPA table.

There are collection envelopes in each 5th grade classroom and a box on the LSPA table to return your forms. For additional information please contact Anita Colasante at [anitacola@yahoo.com](mailto:anitacola@yahoo.com) or Sheryl Stein at [sheryl@steinglobal.net](mailto:sheryl@steinglobal.net).

### NEWS FROM ANDREA COGAN

Dear Parents and Guardians,  
We are starting our health lessons at Lincoln School for grades 1, 2, 3, and 4. Over the next few weeks the first and second grades will be discussing Friendship, Self Concept, and Healthy Habits. We will be talking about Wellness/Nutrition, Understanding Feelings and Dangerous Substances as well. In the third and fourth grades we will be using the Life Skills Training Student Guide developed by Gilbert Botvin, Ph.D. Topics such as Self Esteem, Decision Making, Smoking, Dealing with Stress, Communication/Social skills and Assertiveness will be addressed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us). The children love talking about health, so be sure to ask them about any materials they bring home and remember: a healthy mind needs a healthy body.

Andrea Cogan, PE/HE Department

### LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

We are off to a great start and have been very excited to see that families have already contributed to the Direct Appeal. As you may know, the Direct Appeal is the LSPA's only fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise at least \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers and activities. We ask all families to contribute to the direct appeal as generously as possible. All donations are tax deductible. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Two Ways To Contribute:** Leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library **or** you may contribute online with your credit card at [www.lincolnspa.org](http://www.lincolnspa.org) by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible.  
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### BOX TOP GOAL \$1,500!

The goal of this year's Box Top Program is to raise \$1,500 and we need your help! The money raised from Box Tops supports important programs that benefit your child(ren), including class field trips, special speakers and assemblies, and classroom supplies. Box Tops offers easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities like buying groceries and shopping online— **all at no additional cost to you.**

**1. Clip** - Clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products. Box Tops are worth **10¢ each** when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education. Send the Box Tops to school for your child to deposit in the classroom collection box.

**2. Shop** - Shop your favorite online stores and receive up to **8% of each qualifying purchase** donated to Lincoln School! Start at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and make a purchase through merchants found in the Box Tops Marketplace.

**3. Buy books** — Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading Room. Our school will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases. Log on to [btfe.com/readingroom](http://btfe.com/readingroom), and click the "Shop Now" button to go to Barnes and Noble.com. Then, select your items and follow the standard checkout procedure. That's all there is to it! For further

information, contact Diane O'Donnell at [dodonnell2@comcast.net](mailto:dodonnell2@comcast.net).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **DAISY TROOP #71503**

Would your kindergarten daughter like to join a Winchester Girl Scout Daisy Troop? The program is designed for Kindergarten girls to experience the concepts of the Girl Scouts in an informal supportive environment. We will meet once a month on Saturday afternoons from October to May. If interested, contact Linda Rossetti [larossetti@comcast.net](mailto:larossetti@comcast.net) or 781-721-2261.

### **GIFTED AND TALENTED SUMMIT**

Parents are invited to join in for the morning! **What:** Gifted and Talented Summit **When:** Sat., Oct 17, 2009, 8am – 12pm **Who:** Teachers and Parents (teachers stay the afternoon for a “make and take” workshop) **Why:** To understand the profile and needs of gifted students **Where:** McCall Middle School **What:** A keynote speaker (8:30am), followed by Q & A, a parent breakout discussion group, and a brief summary of draft plans re: gifted education programming. The Keynote speaker is Del Siegle, an associate professor and teaching fellow in the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut, where he teaches graduate courses in gifted education, creativity, and research design. He authors a technology column for Gifted Child Today. Del's research interests include web-based instruction, student motivation, and teacher bias in the identification of students for gifted programs.

### **DR. MICHAEL FOWLIN**

On November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, Winchester will welcome back nationally recognized clinical psychologist and actor, Dr. Michael Fowlin. Dr. Fowlin will be presenting leveled programs to grades 3-5, 6<sup>th</sup> and 10-11<sup>th</sup>, and a performance for all Winchester parents on the evening of November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Last year, over three hundred parents attended his evening performance. This year, we expect a similar turnout. Please SAVE THE DATE, and watch for notices about reserving a seat for his November 17<sup>th</sup> presentation to parents.

### **WINCHESTER READS**

In October, there will be three *Winchester Reads* events around our community book for this year, *Song Yet Sung*, culminating in an evening with the book's acclaimed author, James McBride. **Tuesday, October 6th, 7 PM--**Next Door Theater, 40 Cross Street: Marcia Estabrook as *Ellen Craft*:

*Running 1000 Miles to Freedom. Sunday, October 18th, 2:30 PM--*Winchester Public Library: *Create Your Own Show Way*, A family craft workshop inspired by Lynch School's 2nd and 3rd grade quilting project. **Wednesday, October 21st, 7 PM--**McCall Middle School: *An Evening with James McBride*. For more info on Winchester Reads visit [www.winpublib.org/news.htm](http://www.winpublib.org/news.htm)

### **WBA BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**

On Saturday mornings in December, January, and February, the WBA offers an in-town basketball program for boys and girls in grades 3-5, with separate divisions for boys and girls in each grade. Our objective is for all players to have fun while improving their basketball fundamentals, with an emphasis on developing individual and team skills. The program is designed to be instructional and recreational for younger players with limited basketball experience. Registration for the in-town program is \$115; discounts are available for multiple players from the same family. For information and to register, visit <http://www.winchesterbasketball.org/>. For Other questions, contact Tom Gaither at [twgaither@comcast.net](mailto:twgaither@comcast.net).

### **TOPS SOCCER**

Offered by the Winchester Soccer Club, this community-based program provides an opportunity for all children with disabilities to play soccer through rule and equipment adaptation. Athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in a modified game of soccer once a week. A volunteer group of “junior coaches” serve as one-on-one buddies with TOPS athletes. **Schedule:** 1:30-2:30, Sunday afternoons at Lynch Front Field in Winchester (through November 1<sup>st</sup>, excluding Columbus Day Weekend). If you are interested in Winchester's TOPS program as either an athlete or junior coach (no prior soccer experience necessary), please contact Jeff Calnan, at [jfcalnan@yahoo.com](mailto:jfcalnan@yahoo.com).

### **PARENT TO PARENTS PRESENTS....**

Taking Back Childhood: A Proven Roadmap for Raising Confident, Creative, Compassionate Kids Social trends such as too much media, rampant consumerism, overly structured school days and overly wired (yet emotionally disconnected) relationships are undermining the quality of children's lives today. Author and Professor of Education Nancy Carlsson- Paige, Ed. D, will discuss these issues with parents of elementary school aged children. Dr. Carlsson- Paige has taught at Lesley University for 30 years and is recognized as a national expert on the issue of how

violence, especially in the media, affects children's social development. She has co-authored four books and written numerous articles on media violence, conflict resolution, peaceable classrooms and global education. Her most recent book will be available for sale courtesy of Book Ends. Please join us on **Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at McCall Middle School.**

### **FRIENDS OF ART**

The Winchester Friends of Art invite you to the annual Back-to-School Art Show at the Winchester Public Library, now through October 31, 2009. Student art is exhibited throughout the library and includes an exciting variety of work done by Winchester Public School students. The Winchester community is also invited to join the Friends of Art on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 5pm to 8pm, to honor the Back-to-School artists at a reception at the library. For more information, contact [winchesterfoa@hotmail.com](mailto:winchesterfoa@hotmail.com).

### **BeGINN Again Playground Restoration**

Please join us for the Launch Party for the GINN Playground Restoration Project ("BeGINN Again"). To kick off our fundraising activities, BeGINN Again will host a free outdoor party for the whole family at Ginn Playground on Oct 17th (Raindate Oct 18th) from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The ReMax Balloon will be at the field launching both kids and adults in the air from 9 to 11 (weather permitting) while Big Joe the Storyteller will keep everyone down on the ground in stitches. The Pixie Sticks of Somerville will also join the fun by keeping everyone rocking and rolling. And what party is complete without great food, silly games, and a bit of Kidstock face painting on the side? Mark your calendars for Oct. 17 and join the fun. To learn more, visit [www.beGINNAgain.com](http://www.beGINNAgain.com).

### **FANSPLASH**

For details on how to help bring a splash park to Winchester by designing your own tile for the Boorggaard Beach Boathouse wall, please visit [www.winrec.com](http://www.winrec.com) or [www.fansplash.org](http://www.fansplash.org). Upcoming Events: October 20th - Whole Foods, Woburn will donate 5% of proceeds to FANSplash!

### **LINCLETTER SCHEDULE**

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